



**PARKS &  
PARKWAY  
ADVISORY BOARD**

**Dan Keys**  
**Chairman**

**Steve Bernard**  
**Robert Silverman**  
**Randy Wagoner**

**Alternate**  
**Barbara Kuhl**

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS & PARKWAY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Ed Burke Recreation Center 11400 NE 9<sup>th</sup> Court**  
**Wednesday December 18, 2013 at 6:00PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Present - Dan Keys, Barbara Kuhl, Robert Silverman, Absent - Steve Bernard

**2. AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

None

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT (PERMITTED FOR EACH AGENDA ITEM)**

None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

May 16, 2012 - not available

July 18, 2012 - not available

August 29, 2012 - not available

September 19, 2012 - not available

November 20, 2013 - Passed unanimously

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Village staff status report**

1. General median maintenance – No new information

2. Tree removal and tree trimming issues – Candido Sousa reported that a new round of tree trimming had commenced.

3. Athletic field irrigation system maintenance – Candido advised the Board in response to a question by Mr. Keys, that he would clarify what had been done to restore the irrigation system on the athletic field.

4. Preventing cars from crossing medians - not discussed

5. Highway Beautification Grant Proposal made by Village – The new grant for the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Medina had been completed and submitted. Mr. Keys asked if the irrigation supply apparatus for this median would be repaired and Mr. Sousa advised that funding was not available for this at this time.

**B. Entrance projects**

1. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bridge Grant - Discussion of planned January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge landscaping design session. General discussion took place with regard to how to proceed and what plant materials would be used. The need for irrigation was going to be a factor in the decisions to be made.

2. Northern border - NE 10 Ave, NE 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. etc. - Discussion of planned January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014, landscaping design session as related to the 121 Street and 107 Street entrances. General discussion took place with regard to how to proceed and what plant materials would be used. The need for irrigation was going to be a factor in the decisions to be made.



## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Staff request for recommendation presented by Mr Sousa

1. Reference the Australian Pine in the 700 block of NE 120 street, the Board was asked if they would advise that the pieces be left in place as play pieces for children in the neighborhood – there was unanimous agreement that they should not as they were not attractive, were not proper and safe play equipment. A motion was made by Randy Wagoner and seconded by Robert Silverman, to remove the pieces as soon as possible – motion passed unanimously.

2. The Board was asked if the Surinam Cherry hedges at the ends of several medians on NE 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue should be removed in the interest of aesthetics and ease of maintenance. The Board discussed and decided to review the plantings and be able to discuss again for consideration of removal of all, some or none of the plantings.

3. The Board was asked for its recommendation regarding the advisability of trimming the Fire Bush hedge in the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue planting between 113 Street and 114 Street - after discussing the fact that the hedge was intended to screen the parking lot behind it and that it had nearly reached its maximum height, a motion was made to leave it alone. Motion passed unanimously. After further discussing the planting in general, a motion was made to ask the Village to budget for a second layer of plants on the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue side of the planting in order to fill the hole left by shading out of the lower portion of the Fire Bush hedge. Motion passed unanimously. A third motion to replace the three Jatropha plants in this planting with Acalypha Louisiana, was made, seconded and passed unanimously. It was hoped that possibly these needed changes could be funded by and incorporated into some already planned community planting day.

4. The Board was asked for recommendations for small trees to be planted in areas beneath power lines that cross medians. Larger trees are not being planted in these locations and large spaces in the tree-scape are resulting. The Board discussed and advised that they would need to look at the locations and come back with recommendations. North East 119 Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue was an example of this situation.

## **7. NEXT MEETING DATE –**

11/20/13

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm

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Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Keys, Chair



## ***The Village of Biscayne Park***

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